



Project Lifesaver

Residents with family members who are mentally handicapped and have wandering tendencies may join Project Lifesaver, an innovative program offered by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office at a low monthly cost. The program is designed to equip your family member with a wrist or ankle "watch like" transmitting bracelet. This transmitting device can track a lost or wandering victim within 30 minutes or less by ground, air or both.

Why the need for Project Lifesaver? Over 5,000,000 people in the USA have Alzheimer's. Well over 50% of these people wander and become lost. A lost person with Alzheimer's or other dementia represents a *critical emergency*. They are unaware of their situation; they do not call for help and do not respond to people calling out to them. Nearly half of them can become injured, fall victims to predators or die from exposure.

Project Lifesaver is a non-profit organization that has been proven to save lives. For further information on Project Lifesaver, contact Sgt. George Schifano, Project Lifesaver State Coordinator at (408) 808-4768.